
SENATE RESOLUTION

CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP MORE COLLABORATIVE
INFORMATION AND DECISION-MAKING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AS IT RELATES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICTS.

1 WHEREAS, as expressed in chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes, the Legislature created the Hawaii Community
3 Development Authority and its community development districts to
4 develop "communities which serve the highest needs and
5 aspirations of Hawaii's people"; and

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7 WHEREAS, the community residents are important stakeholders
8 who have an interest in development in their community
9 development districts; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature received complaints that the
12 Hawaii Community Development Authority has repeatedly
13 disregarded and failed to act on community concerns expressed at
14 the Hawaii Community Development Authority community meetings,
15 public hearings, and board meetings; and

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17 WHEREAS, Act 61, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, was enacted
18 to address community concerns, but the Hawaii Community
19 Development Authority, instead of providing venues for
20 developers to meet with community stakeholders informally, has
21 implemented contested case procedures that further discourage
22 expression of legitimate community concerns; and

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24 WHEREAS, in the Regular Session of 2015, the Legislature
25 introduced S.B. No. 906 to create a less formal and less
26 adversarial dialogue that, by encouraging the Hawaii Community
27 Development Authority, developers, and the community to work
28 together, implements the community engagement policy set forth
29 in section 206E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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31 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State and
32 community development districts to implement clear, fair, open,



1 and collaborative procedures that achieve the goals of chapter
2 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
6 that a working group be convened to develop more collaborative
7 information and decision-making policies and procedures for
8 community engagement as it relates to community development
9 districts; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Senate
12 Committee on Human Services and Housing and the Chairperson of
13 the Senate Committee on Water and Land are requested to serve as
14 Co-Chairpersons of the working group; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
17 to include:

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19 (1) Community stakeholders, including but not limited to
20 landowners, developers, small business owners, and
21 residents, as selected by the Co-Chairpersons;
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23 (2) Up to four Hawaii Community Development Authority
24 members; and
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26 (3) Others as deemed appropriate by the Co-Chairpersons;
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
30 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and
31 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
32 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
33 of 2016; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved
36 on June 30, 2016; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
39 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaii
40 Community Development Authority.
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